

AGENCY RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The agency concurs with the analysis of the Department of Planning and Budget concerning the proposed regulation, 2 VAC 5-111, Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Public and Private Animal Shelters, but offers additional information regarding private animal shelters.

Private animal shelters are not mandated to house stray or unowned animals that are subject to a holding period. Section 3.2-6546 of the Code of Virginia requires localities to maintain a public animal shelter to house stray or unowned animals that are subject to a holding period. Thus, if a private animal shelter chooses to refer all animals subject to a holding period to the appropriate public animal shelter it will not incur any costs related to obtaining compliant housing.

Alternatively, if a private animal shelter chooses to house stray or unowned animals that are subject to a holding period and the shelter does not already possess compliant housing, it could incur costs between \$250 and \$1,000 per cage depending on the cage size. The shelter may also choose to purchase a block of six compliant cages of various sizes for approximately \$2,500.